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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:)
D. LEE MANNER) Examiner: A.R. Harris
Appln. No.: 09/833,606) Group Art Unit: 1732
Filed: April 13, 2001)
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Sir:

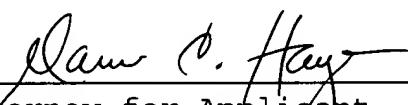
Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 27, 2002 for two 2 months from April 27, 2002 to June 27, 2002.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1710 for the \$400.00 extension of time fee. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1710 for any additional fees due with respect to this filing. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

In response to the Restriction Requirement of March 27, 2002, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, Claims 1-10 with traverse. Traversal is on the grounds that a search of the art for one group of claims will necessarily include a search of the art for the other group of claims. It is believed that the burden on the Examiner to examine all claims in a single application is less than the burden on the Applicants/public to prosecute/search more than one application/patent.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3549. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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